

SATCHEL PAIGE AND THE KANSAS CITY MONARCHS BASEBALL CLUB

The Kansas City Monarchs, one of the most popular clubs in Negro baseball, can best be described as a winner of championships!

The Monarchs have won eight pennants in the Negro American League and three world's series. Four of these pennants were captured in succession.

Ever since their organization, the Monarchs have come up with a powerful aggregation each year, and their ranks have always featured many of the greatest performers in Negro ranks.

Despite the brilliant achievements of the past, the Monarchs have come up with another outstanding team this season, which is at present leading the Negro American league pennant race.

Besides the No. 1 attraction in Negro baseball, Leroy "Satchel" Paige, whose pitching exploits have earned him a reputation with the greatest figures in the annals of sports, the Kansas City nine boasts of its most valuable addition in years in Jackie Robinson, brilliant shortstop from the University of California of Los Angeles.

Ranked with the most outstanding athletes ever to be graduated from UCLA, Robinson gained National fame as an all-american football player, besides starring in baseball and basketball. On his showing to-date with the Monarchs, he appears to be headed for stardom, and may become one of the greatest Negro shortstops of all-time. He was taken to Boston for a tryout with the Red Sox, and gained favorable comment from all observers, including the Boston coaches.

Teamed up as a keystone combination with Jesse Williams, who was moved over to second base, they make one of the greatest double-play combinations in the game to-day. Both have plenty of speed and know exactly where to throw that ball, so that it can be easily handled for the completion of the twin-killing in relaying the ball to first baseman Lee Moody.

Robinson is a discharged army man. He received his commission and then got a medical discharge after serving nearly three years. No sooner did he get out of the army he expressed the desire to try his hand at professional baseball and he lost no time in joining the Monarchs at Houston. Prior to joining the Kansas City outfit Robby coached basketball at Sam Houston College.

The Monarchs are again managed this season by Frank Duncan, 46 year old pilot, who also takes his turn behind the platter. He caught the opening day game in Kansas City and received praise from the fans.

This is Duncan's twenty-fifth consecutive season with the Monarchs.

Duncan has another strong pitching staff. Besides Stige there is Hilton Smith, Booker McDaniels, Jack Matchett, James LaMarque, Enslce Wylie, and Lee Davis.

In the infield there is Moody at first base; William, second; Robinson, short; Souell, third; the outfield is comprised of Thomas, right; Scott, center, and Long, left field.